



***St. John's United Church of Christ  
Chambersburg, PA  
July 14, 2024***

## **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

### **GATHERING SONG**

*"This is the Day"*

### **UNISON WELCOME**

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*"The peace of Christ be with you"*

*"And also with you"*

### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & PRELUDE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*

We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

**We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.**

Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

**We will share with others the goodness we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.**

### **\*HYMN #587**

*"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

Hymnal Companion C-4

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Siblings, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore be at peace.

### **\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"You Raise Me Up"*

arr. P. Keveren

Ginny Cairns, oboe and Barb Motichka, piano

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*"To Burn with Rage" (a remix of Psalm 85)  
by Kentina Washington-Leapheart*

I know what it is to burn with rage, smoke billowing from my ears and nostrils,  
**white-hot fury coursing through my veins, hands tightly balled up into fists  
of frustration.**

I know what it is to be seething from anger (fear, sadness, disappointment)  
**and I know what it is to feel a deep desire to enact that rage on those I have  
deemed guilty of not loving me enough, accepting me enough, healing me  
enough, \_\_\_ me enough;**

And yet you model something different altogether,  
**not because you are not without anger, fear, sadness, disappointment—**

I am sure your heart weeps at all the ways your beloved creations steal and kill and  
destroy and break hearts (yours and that of others)—

**yet you model a different way, a turning from, a turning towards.**

I'm not there yet, Holy One,  
**but I am willing to learn.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Roxanne Davenport

*Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 6:14-29

**SERMON**

Rev. Peter Emig

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)**

**INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for  
others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love. May they bring  
blessing to others and praise to your glorious name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #285**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

**\*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE (seated)**

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

**Birthdays this week:** 07/15 Alexis Reichelderfer; 07/16 Charles Reichelderfer; 07/18 Grace Kongkeattikul; 07/19 Sandy Domer; 07/21 Connie Stenger

<b>Worship Participants:</b>	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Guest Preacher	Rev. Peter Emig
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Cathy Kinton
Lector	Dale Myers
Media Coordinators	Chris Willman-Bunge & Ginny Cairns
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

**The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross** are given to the glory of God.



**St. John's Vision**

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

**St. John's Mission**

To grow in love of God and neighbor

**Worship Resources:**

*Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship* edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi  
*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2*  
*"To Burn with Rage"* by Kentina Washington-Leapheart, included in *The Words of Her Mouth: Psalms for the Struggle*, edited by Martha Spong

## **NEWS IN THE PEWS July 14, 2024**

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, [pastor@sjucc1811.org](mailto:pastor@sjucc1811.org) (641) 260-1868 (cell)  
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist  
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth  
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

#### **Monday, July 15**

5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen  
6:30 pm Bible and a Beer – Trojan Diner

#### **Tuesday, July 16**

10:00 am Summer Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary

#### **Sunday, July 21**

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116  
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary  
11:00 am VBS Work Day

**Pastoral Coverage** Pastor Caroline will be away attending the Wild Goose Festival in NC July 9-15. Rev. Bob Macfarlane will preach and preside at the Saturday Night Service on Saturday, July 13 and Rev. Peter Emig will preach and lead worship on Sunday, July 14. Rev. Julia Brown (Solomon's UCC in Chambersburg) and Rev. Irene Pouliot (Trinity UCC in State Line) are "on call" for pastoral emergencies. If a need arises, please contact the church office and they will get your message to one of the pastors on call. Pastor Caroline will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 16.

**Bible and a Beer** will be held on Monday, July 15 at 6:30 pm. Meet us at The Trojan Diner and Sports Bar for Theological conversation, rich discussion and powerful testimony.

**Vacation Bible School** – The last work date for Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 21 after Sunday services. There will be a volunteer meeting on July 22 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Vacation Bible School will run from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1. Contact Roxanne Davenport with questions.

**Summer Singers:** Summer Singers will be giving a concert at St. John's on July 28 at 3 pm.

**Coming Soon:** Stuff the Bus! Collection of school supplies with United Way. Visit the United Way website for more information. <https://www.uwfcpa.org/stuff-the-bus>

**Jazz In The Garden:** You're invited!! August 9 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the NETWORK Community Garden, Redwood/South/Buchanan Streets in Chambersburg. Stop by and enjoy live music, performances and artwork from kids along with appetizers, food vendors, and opportunities to give, meet NETWORK staff and visit our garden and ministry. Please RSVP by Monday, August 5 at [networkchambersburg@gmail.com](mailto:networkchambersburg@gmail.com) or 717-264-4640.

**Bobby Jo Valentine:** Join us for a Concert with Bobby Jo Valentine. A night of award-winning songs and stories here at St. John's on August 16, 2024 at 6 pm.

**Diana's Devotional Corner:** Every week Diana Kongkeattikul writes a reflection that is posted to our website. We will now be offering a special Eblast weekly with these reflections/devotionals. If you would like to receive these, please let the office know so we can put you on the email list!

**Volunteers Needed:** Would you be willing to serve St. John's by being the lector/reader on a Sunday morning? Reach out to Judy Hodges via email or text.

**Meditation Group** Henry Hopper will be holding a Meditation Group every Monday at 10 am in the church library. New members are welcome. If interested please contact Henry Hopper at [henhopper@aol.com](mailto:henhopper@aol.com) or (717) 660 – 2325

**NETWORK Ministries,** a local Christ-centered organization, is seeking two full-time staff members to lead their Kids Club and Middle School ministries with youth in downtown Chambersburg. For more details or to apply, please visit [www.network-ministries.org/jobs](http://www.network-ministries.org/jobs).

**A Friendly Call** Coming soon – A friendly call from volunteers at St. John's. We want to check in and find out how you are doing. We will be using the telephone number found in the current directory. If that is incorrect, please notify the office.

**Online Giving Made Easy!** Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

**St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan** Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

**Habitat Book Sale:** The Habitat for Humanity book sale is fast approaching. Sale dates will be October 25, 2 pm – 8 pm, October 26, 9 am – 5 pm and October 27, 12 pm – 4 pm.

# 587 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me  
 hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we first be - gun.

# Glory Be to the Father

704

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note on D5, followed by eighth notes on E5, F5, and G5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a dotted quarter note on G5. The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The system is marked with a repeat sign at the beginning and a final double bar line at the end.

WORDS: Anonymous, 4th cent.  
MUSIC: Christoph Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE  
Irregular



# 706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;"

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674  
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100TH, alt.  
LM  
*Lower key, No. 331*

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men."

# 285 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that

pour Thy power; crown Thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry,  
 sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us,  
 we de - plore; let the search for Thy sal - va - tion  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set all free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.  
 that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
 8.7.8.7.8.7  
 Lower key, No. 33